Transmission & Distribution losses. These include, conducting of Energy Audit for identifying the system elements responsible for excessive losses, installing capacitors to imrpove the voltage profile, preparation of system improvement schemes for strengthening the system, installing tamper-proof meters intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against the persons found indulging in theft of energy. Further, the theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence under the provision of Section-39 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An incetive scheme was also introduced by the Government of India among the State Electricity Boards/Electricity Departments from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in Transmission & Distribution losses. Power distribution falls within the perview of Electricity Boards/ Electricity Departments constituted by the State Governments. Various measures being taken to improve the generation in Madhya Pradesh include-Renovation and Modernisation of old units, supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal and training of operation and maintenance personnel etc.

Steps to Boost Activities of Indian Investment Centre

2119. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken some steps to strengthen and boost the activities of Indian Investment Centre:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time schedule fixed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Government has taken up a review of the role and relevance of the Indian Investment Centre in the present context of a liberalised business and economic environment for foreign and non-resident Indian Investments.

मध्य प्रदेश में विद्युत की कमी

2120. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में वर्तमान में विद्युत की कितनी कमी का अनुमान लगाया गया है और विद्युत के पारेषण के दौरान विद्युत की कितनी वार्षिक हानि हुई है; और

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास पारेषण संबंधी हानि को कम करने तथा पारेषण व्यवस्था का आधुनिकीकरण करने के लिए राज्य सरकार को वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला बेन चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) अप्रैल-जुलाई, 1995 की अवधि के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में ऊर्जा की कमी 5.2% थी और वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान वार्षिक पारेषण तथा वितरण हानियां 20.13% थी।

(ख) पारेषण प्रणाली को आधुनिक बनाने और पारेषण हानि को कम करने के लिए राज्य सरकार को कोई वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Representation on the privatisation of power sector

2121. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation from Member of Parliament has been received over the privatisation of the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken on the suggestions made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHEMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Hon'ble Members of Parliament have, *inter-alia*, raised issues regarding providing counter guarantee by GOI, cost of projects, cost of generation, outgo of foreign exchange, rate of return and given valuable suggestions.

(c) The instructions and guidelines prepared by the Government have tried to assimilate all these suggestions and the policy has also been modified from time to time.

Conveyance allowance to employees of Airports

2122. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Airports Service Department are being paid conveyance allowance daily/contingency-wise for attending duties;

(b) if so, whether other employees of same designation on other Department are being paid similar allowance under similar circumstances;

(c) how much amount has been paid in total till date on such account; and

(d) the details, year-wise, since its introduction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) From April, 1991 conveyance allowance is being reimbursed to those unionised category employees of the Ramp Operations Division of the Airport Services of Air India at Bombay who are rostered in shift pattern to meet exigencies of work/flight handling duties, to compensate them for the non-availability of Public transport and staff transportation during the odd hours of their release. Employees of same designation in other departments are not being paid this allowance as they do not work under similar circumstances.

(c) and (d) The total expenditure on this account during the period April, 1991 to March, 1995 is approximately Rs. 29.00 lakhs; the annual expenditure is about Rs. 7.30 lakhs.

Doordarshan network in Gujarat

2123. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the area in Gujarat State which are not covered by Doordarshan network as on date; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) whereas satellite derived service of Doordarshan is available throughout the country, including the entire State of Gujarat, by using an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrial transmission is also available, wholly or partially, to all districts of Gujarat covering an estimated 69.7% area of the State.

(b) Thirty one TV Transmitters of varying powers are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Gujarat. With the commissioning of these projects, the terrestrial TV service is expected to increase to 95.3% area of the State.

Co-ordination unit between censor boards and national film development corporation

2124. SHRI M. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to establish a co-ordination unit between Regional and Central Censor Board, Regional and National Film Development Corporation;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals are being worked out;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether articulated and skill oriented persons have to be appointed to liaise and coordinate these units; and

(e) if so, the details of final decision taken by the Central Government and if not, the reasons therefor?